

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 139-167, 190, 192-198, 203-205, 277-278, 280-291 and 293-299. Claims 190, 197 and 203 were amended.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects the claims of the species identified by the Examiner as relating to “a smart card having a low frequency and/or high frequency circuit for handling transmission of information associated with the card memory and antenna”. This group includes, according to applicants analysis, claims 139-167, 277-278, 280-291 and 293-299. Claims 190, 192-198 and 203-205 are accordingly marked as withdrawn and the other claims are cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for these claims and other claims previously restricted.

Rejections to the drawings

The Examiner requested that various features appearing in the claims be shown in the drawings. As most of the required features appeared only in claims which were cancelled due to the restriction, the only feature related to by the Examiner which still appears in the claims is the biometric data acquisition circuit. This feature is illustrated by element 42 in Figs. 3A, 3C, 3D and 3E, as discussed on page 23 of the present application, which reads:

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, region 42 comprises an array of electrodes and this array may be used to detect pressure on the card, for example pressure caused by moving a stylus over the card. Depending on the processing power of the card, this detection may be used as a handwriting input. In an example in which only a lower resolution is needed, pressure on certain areas of the card, can be detected, for example to emulate a keyboard on the card surface.

In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, at least part of the card is covered with a SAW device, which generates output signals indicative of an (X,Y) position of a pen tip on the SAW and/or the pressure against it. In an exemplary embodiment, a user signs a sales receipt over the SAW portion, so that both an electronic and paper record of the signature are made. the electronic copy may be sent immediately (or after a time) to a remote computer for processing.

Applicants respectfully submits that region 42 is a biometric data acquisition circuit, as it acquires handwriting strokes. Further alternatives regarding region 42 are described in subsequent paragraphs on pages 23-24. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the drawings do not require amendment.

Conclusion

Examination on the merits and subsequent allowance of the application is respectfully awaited. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation may forward the present application toward allowance, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468. Please note that this is a direct *toll free* number in the US that is answered in the undersigned's Israel office. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maier Fenster', is written over a horizontal line.

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